

Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

As we prepare for worship, let us be in prayer and meditation.
Please "Check In" on social media, then set all electronic devices to silent mode.
Remember to sign the attendance pad. The Offering Box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.

Prelude "Allegreto" by Guiseppe Torelli
Brass Quartet and Stephen Cook, Organ

The Chimes

Introit "Easter Introit" by John Thornburg and John Ferguson
Brass Quartet; Bells; Chancel Choir

***Opening Hymn** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Red UM Hymnal #**302**

Words of Welcome *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Penny Hoover, Lay Reader*

Leader: Lord, we come to celebrate the risen Savior.
People: Alleluia, your love and mercy brought forth for the world.
Leader: Lord, we come in awe of your power over evil.
People: Alleluia, we praise you for your righteousness.
Leader: Lord, we come to spread the Good News.
People: Alleluia, Christ is risen today!

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Word for Children **Children are invited to come sit in the front*

***Offertory and Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Red UM Hymnal #**94**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem "Lift High the Cross" arr. Richard Nichols
Chancel Choir; Brass Quartet; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Penny Hoover, Lay Reader*
Isaiah 65:17-21
*Luke 24:1-12
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" Red UM Hymnal #**304**

The Message "The New Path to Take" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" by Beethoven; arr. Maddux
Susan Holder, Soloist; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *See Insert*

***Benediction** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Benediction Response** "Hallelujah Chorus" by G.F. Handel

***Postlude** "Trumpet Finale" by Guiseppe Torelli
Brass Quartet; Stephen Cook, Organ

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Special thanks to our Brass Quartet this morning: Harry Ostrander, Trumpet 1; Kyle Athayde, Trumpet 2; Michael Beltran; Trombone 1; and Pat Lenertz, Trombone 2.

The Brass Quartet appearance is made possible by a generous donation from Fran Syverson and Steve Syverson

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Thank you to all who have purchased the beautiful flowers that have adorned the sanctuary for our Easter Service. See the insert for a list of donors and their dedications. After worship you may pick up your plants from the chancel area. Those who are delivering to homebound folks, please also pick up at that location.

It's time to reserve your spot for our **80th Anniversary Celebration! RSVP by May 1st.** Go to the church website (cgsum.org) and book your seat, then pay online through the Giving Page (preferred). Or you may book and pay following Sunday Services or at the church office. Note that payment *must* accompany reservation as seats are limited.

Thank you to all who contributed to the **Time for Change** collection on March 9th. Because of your generosity, United Women in Faith/Sarah Circle was able to send **$412** to the Los Angeles Fires Recovery Fund through the California Pacific Conference of the United Methodist Church. We are very grateful for your response for this critical need. - *Sandra Jelinek and Andrea Thorsen, co-presidents.*

May 3rd is the date for the **Walk for Sierra Service Project.** The Youth and Catherine Doster are signing up donors and walkers after worship on April 13th, 20th, and 27th. Entry is $30 per individual. Donations from non-walkers are gratefully accepted. Thank you for your support that gives our youth this important mission experience

Church Spring Cleaning will be on **Sunday, May 18** after worship. Volunteers are needed to help clean and beautify our church. Lunch will be provided.

Adult Sunday School Class: Don Thorsen continues the series entitled **"Everything You Wanted to Know about Jesus (But Were Afraid to Ask)".** It is a study what Scripture has to say about Jesus, and why Christians sometimes prefer to think of Jesus differently than what is said in Scripture. Join us from **9:00 to 9:45 am in the Library.**

SCAM Alert! Be cautious! Delete any s**pam** or **fake emails and texts** from hackers impersonating Pastor Eva or any church staff. Pay attention to the sender's email address, which will not match the real one. If you are unsure about an email you have received, please contact the church office.

Remember to send your articles, announcements, etc. t:o **The Word** editor, Stephanie Shen at cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com by 3:00 pm Fridays. And for **Master Calendar** requests or changes, please contact Carolyn Noonchester at cgsmastercalendar@gmail.com and please allow time for response

Happy Easter!

In the courtyard after worship, we will have:
Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Fellowship and Refreshments in the Hall, and the Blooming Flower Cross.

Upcoming Events!

May 3rd - Annual Walk-a-thon
May 18th - Church Spring Cleaning
June 1st - 80th Anniversary Event with 10:00 am Worship,
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship, and 12:30 pm Luncheon

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee
Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Franklyn Shen
Director of Music Ministries: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission:
At Church of the Good Shepherd, God calls us to welcome all to a vibrant community on a continuing journey of Faith, Growth, Justice, and Service in the image of Christ.